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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached.

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1-10 as follows:

1. (amended) A plasmid comprising a vector pBluescript KS(+) derivative, wherein the vector contains more than 1 repetitive SK primer sequence element.

2. (amended) The plasmid of claim 1, wherein the vector pBluescript KS(+) derivative comprises 2, 7, 14, 21 or 27 repetitive SK primer sequence elements.

3. (amended) The plasmid of claim 1, wherein the primer sequence elements comprise a marker complex.

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